(b) if so, by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to supply LPG in Delhi through pipeline. However, GAIL are undertaking a study on the possibility of supplying natural gas through pipeline in Delhi for domestic and other purposes. A decision in this regard will depend upon the techno-economic viability of the scheme.

Waiting lists for LPG in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad

1499 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of LPG consumers in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad as on 1st January, 1989;

(b) what was the number of persons registered for LPG connections in these cities as on 1st January, 1989; and

(c) by when these registered persons are likely to be provided with LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) As on the 1st January, 1989 the approximate number of LPG consumers and persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad were as under:

(In lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the City	LPG Consumers	Persons, on the waiting list
1	Delhi	10.59	4.588
2	Bombay	11.22	0.665
3	Calcutta	5.15	1.481
4	Madras	5.24	0.832
5	Hyderabad	3.82	0.197

(c) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG.

Basic drug unit in Orissa

1500. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a basic drug unit in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the site selected therefor;

(c) whether the proposal is going to be implemented during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) Gov-